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Peace-Military Style

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"An active membership American citizen, on whom the duty of driving and production of munitions will fall in War, who will have an accurate and thorough knowledge of the complex requirements of industry. "Peace insurance" in this form is the foremost aim of the Army Ordnance Association."

To make perfectly clear the nature of this "insurance" the Constitution recommends its members:

"To keep available the highly specialized knowledge necessary for arming the mind of the nation by stimulating interest in the design and production of advances

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 West. Petroleum Company
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 Westchester Air Tank Company
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either George Croel—and a completely isolated army of American workers, professional men, "intellectuals," etc. The first three are just around the corner, arms in arm with the "peopery" that has smiled upon the death merchants since time began; the fourth—a bitter experience has shown—can be made ready in less than six months, for service in

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Mr. Woolridge: "We have reasonably accurate knowledge of the capacity of our industries to meet (unprompt) requirements, and we have no need of a Federal stockpile."

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The Ordnance Partnership: A Tribute to Those who Foster Industrial Preparedness, by Major General Samuel Huf, Chief of Ordnance, U. S. Army.

The New Demands on Weapons Ordnance
Progress toward Speed and Flexibility, by
Colonel C. M. Wesson, Ordnance Dept., U. S.
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Space limitations prevent further discussion of the exceedingly frank treatment of military affairs contained in this issue, and several other articles, in this one issue. What is of significance—especially in view of the difficulties experienced by FIGHT in ascertaining information



(LEFT) Line up of Workers in Berlin buying Potato Rations. (RIGHT) A Nazi Army Officer in Berlin instructing School Children in the use of Gas Masks

LIFE UNDER FASCISM

ALZONA.—Revising memories of wartime, German scientists have been enlisted in a propaganda campaign urging the use of cheaper substitutes in food: margarine instead of butter, the food value of potatoes, rice, etc. Propaganda, which was out of this country in working class neighborhoods, is called "The Forgetting of Market Districts."

BERLIN.—On the proposal of the great trusts of the electric industry, Siemens, General Electric (AEG), and Demag, a new law is being drafted for covering the general needs of small firms and for new undertakings, to be established or still more extended, as follows:

BERLIN—In the *Stimmen der Zeit*, an important literary and political journal, appears a notice to the effect that one large establishment is discarding its use of cast iron in the manufacture of its products. The main reason, it is for the common good of German shipbuilders and is to save iron for the war. The notice is signed by the editor, who is one of the most famous writers of the day.

BERLIN—Compulsory labor service will be required of all high school boys and girls before being admitted to German universities, high prices and special profits.

BERLIN.—The official figures of unemployment show an increase of 343,000 for the month of December. This shows extra work.

ROSE, John—President, Cleveland of the Farmer Protection of the Manufacturers' Syndicate, reported that from 1907 to 1930, workers' wages had been reduced from 30 to 45%, while the cost of living rose 100% to 125%. He said that the cost of a barrel of steel was 10¢ in 1907, while the cost of a barrel of steel was 10¢ in 1930. He said that the cost of a barrel of steel was 10¢ in 1907, while the cost of a barrel of steel was 10¢ in 1930. He said that the cost of a barrel of steel was 10¢ in 1907, while the cost of a barrel of steel was 10¢ in 1930.

HAMBURG—The number of female students at the medical school here has been limited for 3 to 4 times a day (21 to 25 cents). Two weeks later some of the older workers were hired at half the wage they formerly

BERLIN—The gales of David have made a "Germanized" appearance under the title, "Divine Songs for Germans." The text of Psalm LXXXVII ("The Lord loveth the gates that open at his bidding") has been altered to fit 75 per cent. "A woman physician is a double-edged creature repugnant to the natural, healthy instincts of the people," says the *Medical Journal* in reporting the new law.

BERLIN—The former total of 2,209 German journals has been reduced to 1,126, by a law passed last year.

BERLIN—The German Air Defense Law is now one of the very biggest arguments in Germany. There is one of its officials, every German home, usually in the person of the janitor. The head of this organization

of Zion," etc.), for instance, now reads: "The October, 1933. The number of copies printed 60,000,000."

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THE AUTO INDUSTRY

By LOUIS LINKER

Judging by recent developments in the automobile industry and the allied manufacturers, the prophecy of "War in 1940" does not seem entirely without reason.

It is generally known that the automobile industry played such a decisive role in the World War that it has ever since been kept geared to swing into the production of military requirements on very short notice. Most of the important plants now operated by the industry were laid out specifically for War production.

A Capitalist Peace Leader

The greatest shame of the War boom, of course, was captured by Henry Ford's Motor Company. (Remember his "Three F's?") As the leader in the industry, this company alone, during the War period, practically tripled its invested capital and paid out dividends in stock and cash, approximately \$100,000,000. Thus, while 10 million soldiers were killed during the War, Henry Ford was a millionaire. (The same Ford who on Monday, March 11, 1933, ordered his gunmen to shoot down workers in the Dearborn demonstration, killing five.)

With these facts in mind, together with the knowledge of profits in the industry during the last few years, and the record "educational values" of the War Department on required allocations for military purposes, it is not altogether surprising to find the same manufacturers and their leaders now again hankering greedily for a share of Browder's record War pot of profits.

"The Good Old (War) Days"

We find, for instance, that Packard and Cadillac, both owners of highly skilled workers, have already received War orders, the former for shells and 15 million in guns, and the latter for bombers.

Packard, which is now producing only ten to fifteen cars daily, also makes the Detroit motor for airplanes. In view of such low output of cars and the millions of dollars invested in the War budget for building up the industry, it is quite understandable why preparations are now being made at Packard to shift the entire plant into intensified War production.

This also explains why the Buick Automobile Corporation is making parts for airplanes and airplanes.

Likewise we find Henry Ford, that great humanitarian, who designed the War Department, read and spread them with some collection and program. Now they are putting these orders into effect.

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The Prelude to Fascism
A large section of the population of France

usually strong in France. It is difficult to estimate properly the enormous motive and explosive power of this traditional sentiment in a

Speed United Front

workshops' demonstration there were a certain number of doubtful circumstances which made it impossible for us to regard it as a pure revolutionary movement. The initiative in the strike was taken by the reformist C.G.T., whose leader, M. Jouhaux, has many connections with the bourgeois power. It was related after conversations and dealings with

of the working class (and, indeed, its certain ultimate victory) rests on the immense, dazzlingly successful construction of Socialism in the U.S.S.R. But the mere fact that a success does not at once indicate triumph in revolutionary struggles elsewhere proves to be completely the adverse campaign and the reactionary lie! have been able to provide

We have begun to work assiduously on request of the broad masses by women and the young people: it is the positive and living direction that can be put to a struggle which is becoming more and more important with every instant.

This is clearly shown in the case of Heinz Liepmann, noted German-Jewish novelist who escaped from a concentration camp at Wittmoor to Paris and there wrote of his harrowing experiences in a book called *Murder-Blade in Germany*. Coming to Amsterdam to arrange for the German edition of the book, he was arrested on a charge of having made

...me by a harried congressman who excused himself from listening to our arguments for late because he had to go in and vote on a vital appropriations bill. I remember the agrin with which we watched the resistance of the intellectuals crumble. The death of that lonely heretic, Randolph Bourne, still

Poets and Courage

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By ALBERT ALLEN

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